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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Offered January 13, 2022

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Thomas Anthony Fortkort.

Patron—Petersen

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas Anthony Fortkort of Vienna, a former chief judge of the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court, died on October 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Buffalo, New York, Thomas "Tom" Fortkort attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and earned a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University and a law degree from Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fortkort established the firm Fortkort, Moshos and Davis and practiced law in Fairfax County until he was selected as a judge of the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Tom Fortkort presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom and served as chief judge from 1981 to 1985, then was subsequently appointed as a judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement in 1996, Tom Fortkort continued to serve the community as a substitute judge and offered his expertise to the American Arbitration Association, through which he became a member of panels that studied royalty rates for the U.S. Copyright Office; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Tom Fortkort volunteered his time with the Knights of Columbus, the Irish Cultural Society, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and the Fairfax County Soccer Association, and he was a talented athlete who completed triathlons and marathons throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Deanna, Tom Fortkort will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Mary, Michael, Peter, and John, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Thomas Anthony Fortkort, a respected judge in Fairfax County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Thomas Anthony Fortkort as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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